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War Ministry

Re Official Recognition by Japan of Manchukuo.

Telegram dispatched from War Minister to the Commander of Kwantung Army
(Cipher code-wire)

KAN-SAN (T.N., Presumably Chief of Staff Kwantung Army) 577 and 609. Reply.

1. We understand your views relating to official recognition of Manchukuo, especially your awkward position in connection with the guidance of Manchukuo, but as to the time of official recognition, it has a very delicate bearing on various circles at home and abroad, and therefore we are now determined and ready to effect the recognition whenever opportunity offers.
2. As regards unification of various organs in Manchuria, we, taking into consideration the state of affairs relative to the founding of Manchoukuo and various conditions at home and abroad emanating therefrom, especially relations with Soviet Russia, are planning to establish a coordinating organ with the Army as its center, among other things aiming at the industrial development of Manchuria to meet with requirements for the speedy stabilization of Manchukuo and national defence. Consequently, it is not of such nature as to set up another government organ over Manchukuo. For avoiding any misunderstandings which may occur in the future among the important people of Manchukuo as a result of the carrying out of this plan, your every endeavor is requested to convince them.
3. It is still premature to discuss such questions as administrative rights in the South Manchurian Railway zone and the question of the Kwantung Leased Territory. Should such underlying motive by any chance leak out at home or abroad, and especially in foreign countries, it would be extremely disadvantageous from the point of view of the direction of Manchoukuo. Therefore, we hope that you will be very circumspect even in the study of the matter in your own office.

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